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BALER, FILM WRAPPING DEVICE AND ROUND BALER THAT IS
PROVIDED WITH SUCH A FILM WRAPPING DEVICE

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The references cited on the attached PTO-1449 indicated with an asterisk "*" were cited in the International Search Report for PCT/EP99/02774 dated 16 December 1999. A copy of the International Search Report is enclosed herewith. No English translation was available for WO

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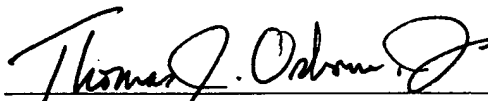
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In compliance with the rule, the Applicant has included English translations of the Abstracts for the following references that are not in the English language: DE 2626263; DE 3415310; DE 3426965; DE 3612223; DE 3737020; DE 3833988; DE 8627212; EP 0314923; EP 891698 EP 574679; FR 2679105; JP 6056112. See MPEP § 609(III)(A)(3). An English translation of the DE 3941727, DE 4436414, and EP 0774412 references is also attached to each of these references..

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